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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the foreign communication, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

- 1. JP 62-228166**
- 2. EP 0 233 385 (corresponding to JP 62-228166)**
- 3. JP 2000-241430**
- 4. U.S. 6,395,557 (corresponding to JP 2000-241430)**

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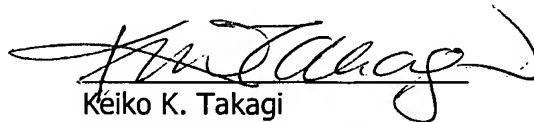
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits that EP 0 233 385 corresponds to JP 62-228166 and U.S. 6,395,557 corresponds to JP 2000-241430. In addition, English abstracts for JP 62-228166 and JP 2000-241430 are submitted herewith.

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